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SAC, Boston

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COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS
AND THE AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;
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Enclosed for Boston and WFO is one copy each of Departmental letter 6/26/69 along with copy of newspaper clipping referenced therein.

Boston identify responsible officers of captioned organizations and, in the absence of derogatory information in your files, interview them consistent with the requests expressed in attached letter. Clearly advise them that this investigation and interview is being conducted at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

WFO review appropriate records of Immigration and Naturalization Service and U.S. Department of State concerning Chinua Achebe and [redacted].

Bufiles contain no pertinent information regarding Achebe and [redacted] and the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers. Bufiles reflect that on 12/4/68 [redacted] representative of the American Program Bureau contacted the Bureau and described the American Program Bureau as a commercial agency which represents various prominent Americans in connection with obtaining speaking engagements.

Handle promptly and submit results in LHM form.

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NOTE: The Department, by letter 6/26/69, requested we conduct Registration Act investigation on captioned organizations because of their alleged sponsorship of two Biafrans in this country. Departmental predication was article appearing in Boston press, the contents of which led Department to believe that organizations may have incurred obligation to register. Department requested we identify and interview responsible officers of organizations to determine nature of arrangements under which they sponsored tour of two Biafrans. Department further requested that we determine if Biafrans still in this country and their present address.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation

DATE: June 26, 1969

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division



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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS, AND
THE AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHIMUA ACHEBE

REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

The April 9, 1969 edition of The Boston Globe contained an article by one of its staff writers, Edgar J. Driscoll on the above captioned subjects. A copy of this article is enclosed for your use.

According to the article the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers and The American Program Bureau located at 59 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts are sponsoring a lecture tour within the United States of two Biafrans, Chimua Achebe and [redacted]. The possibility exists that the subjects may have incurred an obligation to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. However, before this determination can be made additional information is needed.

It is therefore requested that you interview the responsible officers of the subject committees to ascertain the nature of the arrangement under which they sponsored the tour of the two above captioned Biafrans. This Division would also like to know whether these committees have any contract or other arrangement with Biafra or any of its officials under which they act within the United States. If there is such a contract arrangement under which they operate it would be most helpful to know its nature and what activities are performed under it.

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Any additional information you can provide regarding the subject committees especially as to their background would be appreciated.

This Division would be interested to know if the two Biafran writers are presently within the United States. If so, it would be appreciated if you would advise us of their present addresses.

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Article

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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4/9/69

The Boston Globe

ARTICLE BY EDGAR J. DRISCOLL

Ziafran author tells of plight

By EDGAR J. DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

American and European aid to Biafra has made a difference, but it has far from solved the basic problem. The distinguished Biafran author Chinua Achebe, declared in Boston yesterday.

"Yes, we could use a lot more aid. But no amount of food will solve what is happening. It treats the effect, not the cause. The cause is the war. And the war is fueled by Britain and the Soviet Union.

"The most meaningful action the United States can take is to bring pressure on these countries—especially Britain because it will listen more-to-stop supplying the means of destruction."

The author of four prize-

winning novels, the good-looking Achebe is touring this country with Gabriel Momo Okara, the internationally known Nigerian poet. Their three-week tour of the country is being sponsored by the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers and the American Program Bureau.

At the Bureau's office, 59 Temple pl., both men said their tour is concerned

purely with writing, not politics. Yet both feel very strongly that no writer or poet in Africa today "considering the extreme situations we find ourselves in" can be anything less than involved. "He cannot be an onlooker. He must be a participator in life," Okara said.

Both men are involved in government communications as officers in the Ministry of Information in Nigeria. Until recently, Achebe

was director of external broadcasting for the Nigerian Broadcasting Corp.

Their tour will take them to 40 universities and colleges in this country, including Boston University Apr. 16th.

FROM BOSTON GLOBE

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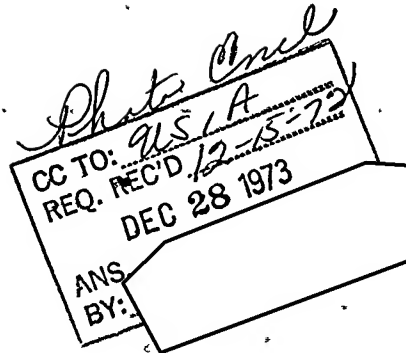
Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/6/69

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (97-255) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN
ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHIBE;
[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN EKWENSI;
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA



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Rebulet to Boston dated 7/15/69 and Boston airtel to Bureau dated 7/25/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are four, and two copies respectively of a self-explanatory LHM.

In addition to the contents of the enclosed LHM, [REDACTED] furnished considerable literature about American Program Bureau (APB), which is being retained as exhibits in the Boston file but is not deemed pertinent to the possible Registration Act violation. This material names among the APB's clients the following internationally known figures:

JACK ANDERSON, newspaper columnist

DREW PEARSON, newspaper columnist

JOE E. BROWN, actor

AL CAPP, comic strip writer

BOB FELLER, baseball figure

AGENCY *State, CIA, AAG (Worley)*
REQ. REC'D [REDACTED] Negro entertainer

DATE FORW. 8/25/69
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BY [REDACTED]

JIM HAGERTY, former White House press secretary

NORMAN MAILER, author

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2-New York (Encs. 3)
2-Boston

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[redacted] researcher on product safety

VICTOR RIESEL, newspaper columnist

PIERRE SALINGER, former White House press secretary

THEODORE SORENSEN, former Presidential adviser

[redacted] television commentator

[redacted]

STEWART ALSOP, newspaper columnist

RED AUERBACH, athletic figure

DAVID BRINKLEY, television commentator

ORVILLE FREEMAN, former Secretary of Agriculture

Sen. KARL MUNDT

Sen. EDMOND S. MUSKIE

TRAN VAN DINH, former South Vietnamese Ambassador
to the United States

MAX RAFFERTY, California educator

[redacted]

ROBERT WELCH, John Birch Society

In addition, [redacted] advised that Sen. STROM
THURMOND has recently engaged the services of the APB

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Boston indices contain no pertinent information
identifiable with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was informed that this investigation
was being conducted at the specific request of Assistant
Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Internal Security
Division, Department of Justice.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

August 6, 1969

COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN
ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

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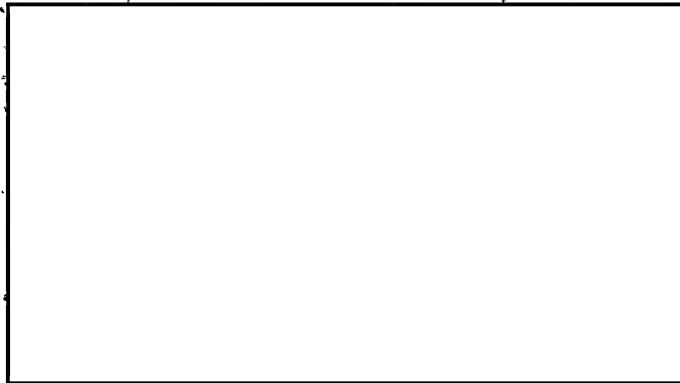
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/5/69

[redacted] American
Program Bureau (APB), 59 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts,
furnished the following information:

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The APB is a Massachusetts business corporation which received its charter in February of 1965. It maintains its principal office at 59 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts. Its stock is publicly held and traded in the Over the Counter market. It was established to serve as a booking agent to arrange schedules and speaking engagements for persons of prominence. Its officers and directors are as follows:



Clients of the APB include persons in the following categories:

- a) Members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.
- b) Former high-level Government officials.
- c) Syndicated newspaper columnists.
- d) Entertainers.
- e) Athletes.
- f) University professors.

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On 7/24/69 at Boston, Massachusetts File # Boston 97-255

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 7/31/69

[redacted] advised that clients of the APB represent the full spectrum of political perspective, ranging from figures identified with the so-called conservative, right-wing element to those equally well known for their ultra-liberal, militant, and radical point of view. He said the APB maintains a policy of strict neutrality but is interested in serving clients representing extremes of political perspective because of the large fees which such figures can command for their public appearances. In this connection, he explained that the APB derives its revenues from commissions payable from fees received by its clients for their appearances. He stated that in its relationships with clients the APB does not utilize any standard contract form and that agreements between APB and its clients are usually made through the exchange of correspondence. He stated the APB's commission rate will vary according to the volume of service it renders to the individual client and in some cases in relation to the amount of the fee specified by a client for his appearance.

Relative to APB capitalization, [redacted] advised that the corporation is authorized to issue one million shares of stock at par value of 10 cents per share. He stated that as of February 13, 1969, 184,050 shares were outstanding with an earnings per share rate of 26 cents, based on 1968 earnings.

[redacted] advised that the services of the APB were engaged in behalf of CHINUA ACHEBE, [redacted] and CYPRIAN EKWENSI by [redacted] a leading figure in the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers, 760 West End Avenue, New York.

[redacted] stated that in the first instance the contract involving these three individuals was verbal but provided that APB would arrange a speaking tour with its compensation to consist of 30 percent of fees earned, plus reimbursement for promotional and advertising expenses.

[redacted] advised that the APB knew nothing of these three individuals other than what had been made available about them by [redacted]. The biographical data furnished, according to [redacted] indicated that they were distinguished figures in Biafra by reason of their accomplishments as poets, writers, artists, etc.

He stated that he did not have a manuscript of their speeches but it was his understanding that they confined themselves to the areas of their expertise and refrained from discussion of political issues and that they did not undertake to promote the interests of Biafra as a government in their appearances.

[redacted] furnished the following itinerary which the APB arranged for ACHEBE, [redacted] and EKWENSI:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>
4/14/69	Ohio State College	Cedar Falls, Iowa
4/16/69	Boston University	Boston, Massachusetts
4/17/69	University of Chicago	Chicago, Illinois
4/20/69	Cornell University	Ithaca, New York
4/21/69	Virginia Intermont	Bristol, Virginia
4/22/69	Clarkson College of Technology	Potsdam, New York
4/22/69	Kent State University	Kent, Ohio
4/24/69	Stanford University	Stanford, California
4/25/69	University of California	Not specified
4/25/69	Juniata College	Huntingdon, Pennsylvania
4/28/69	Bemidji State College	Bemidji, Minnesota
4/28/69	Lincoln University	Lincoln, Pennsylvania
4/29/69	Northwestern University	Evanston, Illinois.

Gross proceeds from these appearances totaled \$7,200.

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[redacted] advised that in promotional material designed to solicit invitations to these Biafrans the APB circulated an announcement containing the following biographical data:

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CHINUA ACHEBE is the author of A Man of the People, published in the United States by Doubleday-Ancor, and conducted lecture seminars on the predicament of the Biafran intellectual in government, creative arts, and communications. Mr. ACHEBE has received many prizes and awards for his previous novels and other writing.

[redacted]

CYPRIAN EKWENSI, a teacher and Director of Information Services in Biafra, was formerly Director of features on the Nigerian Broadcasting System. He is the author of several novels.

[redacted] stated that the above biographies were prepared on the basis of a letter from [redacted] dated February 9, 1969. This letter contained the following additional data:

CHINUA ACHEBE, age thirty-eight, was born at Ogidi, Eastern Nigeria. He was educated at Government College, Umuahia, and the University College, Ibadan. He joined the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation in 1954 and until recently was director of external broadcasting. He is associated with Information Service of Biafra. He is the author of Arrow of God, Things Fall Apart, No Longer at Ease, and A Man of the People.

[redacted]

CYPRIAN EKWENSI was born in Northern Nigeria in 1921 and is a member of the Ibo tribe of Biafra (formerly Eastern Nigeria). He was educated at Government College, and Achimota School, Ghana, and trained as a pharmacist. After teaching biology and chemistry in Nigeria, he joined the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, where he became Head of Features. He is Director of the Information Service in Biafra after serving in the same capacity for the Federation of Nigeria before the Nigerian-Biafran War. His books include People of the City, The Passport of Mallam. Ilia, The Drummer Boy, Burning Grass, Lokotown and Other Stories, An African Night's Entertainment, and Jagua Nana.

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[redacted] stated that by letter dated July 2, 1969, the APB had notified [redacted] as the representative of the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers, that it would again serve as booking agent for these three individuals for another United States tour in October, 1969. APB's commission rate will be 25 percent. He said that the following is the schedule for October, which has been booked to date:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/4/69	Briarcliff College	Briarcliff, New York
10/8/69	Brown University	Providence, Rhode Island
10/10/69	Indiana State College	Terre Haute, Indiana
10/12/69	Simpson College	Indianola, Iowa
10/16/69	Fisk University	Nashville, Tennessee
10/19/69	Florida Presbyterian College	St. Petersburg, Florida
10/28/69	University of Massachusetts Amherst	Amherst, Massachusetts
10/29/69	Kent Hill School	Kent Hill, Maine

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SAC, WFO

Director, FBI (97-5254)

CHANGED

~~1 COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN
ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
2 AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
3 CHINUA ACHIBE;~~

~~4 SCYPRIAN EKWENSI~~
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Reference Bulet 7-15-69. Enclosed for WFO
is copy of Boston airtel 7-25-69.

Washington Field review appropriate records
of Immigration and Naturalization Service and U.S.
Department of State concerning Cyprian Ekwensi. Note
full name of subject [] as determined by Boston
investigation.

Enclosure

1 - Boston (97-255)
1 - New York

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NOTE:

The Department by letter 6-26-69 requested we
conduct Registration Act investigation on captioned
organizations because of their alleged sponsorship of
two Biafrans in this country. Investigation by Boston
determined that a third Biafran was also sponsored by
first captioned committee.

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Date: 7/25/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (97-255)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN
ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;
[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

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The title of this case is being changed as follows:

(1) To show the Committee For Biafran Artists and Writers as an individual entity.

(2) To show the American Program Bureau as an individual entity.

(3) To show the full name of subject [REDACTED]
as [REDACTED]

(4) To add CYPRIAN EKWENSI as subject.

Re Bureau letter to Boston dated 7/15/69, no carbon copy for New York.

Enclosed for New York are Xerox copy of re Bulet, Xerox copy of memorandum dated 6/26/69 from AAG J. WALTER YEAGLEY to the Bureau, and Xerox copy of clipping from "The Boston Globe," daily Boston newspaper, dated 4/9/69.

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2 - New York (Enc. 3)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Let to SAC: WFO 8-6-69

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On 7/24/69, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] American Program Bureau, Boston, Mass., advised that the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers, (CBAW), an organization which maintains headquarters at 760 West End Avenue, New York, New York, is merely a client of the American Program Bureau (APB), a Massachusetts Business Corporation established to serve as booking agent and public relations advisor for prominent persons in their speaking engagements. [REDACTED] advised that APB rendered this service for subjects ACHEBE, [REDACTED] and EKWENSI after being engaged to do so by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who is a leading figure in the CBAW. [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that to the best of his knowledge, ACHEBE, [REDACTED] and EKWENSI were sponsored in the US by CBAW which engaged the services of APB to handle publicity, arrange schedules, etc., which it customarily performs for its clients.

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will comply with instructions in Bulet dated 7/15/69, as they pertain to the Committee For Biafran Artists and Writers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

DATE: 8/21/69

FROM : JDP/RE
SAC, WFO (97-1951) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

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[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA
(C.O. BS)

ReBulet to BS dated 7/15/69, and Bulet to WFO
dated 8/6/69, enclosing BSairtel of 7/25/69.

Following investigation conducted concerning subjects
in title:

CHINUA ACHEBE

On 8/7/69, representatives of the Office of Security
and Visa Office, U.S. Department of State (USDS), advised
SA [REDACTED] that records of these offices contained
no information identifiable with CHINUA ACHEBE.

On 7/29/69, IC [REDACTED] caused a check to be
made of the records of the Central Office, Immigration and
Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D.C. (WDC), which
revealed the following:

CHINUA ACHEBE entered the U.S. at New York City on
4/2/69, traveling on a B-1 visa (Temporary Visa for Business),
issued 4/2/69 at Montreal, Canada, valid to 10/1/69. ACHEBE
was traveling on Biafran Passport Number 27453. He listed
his birthdate as 11/16/30 at Ogidi, Biafra, listed his address

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as Umuahia, Biafra, and his destination as Hotel Abby-Victor, 7th Avenue and 51st Street, New York City. ACHEBE departed from the U.S. on 5/2/69; however, his destination was not indicated.

CHINUA ACHEBE previously entered the U.S. at New York City on 10/29/68, traveling on a B-2 visa (Temporary Visa for Pleasure), issued 10/28/68 at Toronto, Canada. He was traveling under the same passport as above and listed his destination as 575 Madison Avenue, New York City. His residence address was listed as Ogidi Onitsha, Biafra, and his birthdate and birthplace the same as above. INS records failed to list his date of departure and destination.

CHINUA ACHEBE previously entered the U.S. at New York City on 4/5/63, traveling on a J-1 visa (Exchange Visitor), issued at "Lagus," date illegible. He was traveling on Nigerian Passport 48107 and listed his destination as c/o Mr. R. MYER, Institute of International Education, New York. His visa was valid until 7/4/63, and he departed the U.S. for Rio de Janeiro, date not indicated.


CYPRIAN EKWENSKI

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Concerning the above two subjects, results of checks of INS and USDS records not yet available. When this information is available, results will be furnished to OO. WFO indices negative on individuals and organizations in title.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: SEP 26 1969

FROM : *J.F.M.*
SAC, NEW YORK (105-103376)(P)

SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;
[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN EKWENSI;
RA-BIAFRA

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ReBulet to BS and WFO dated 7/15/69, with enclosures from J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, dated 6/26/69; BSairtel to Bureau and NY, dated 7/25/69; WFOlet to Bureau and NY, dated 8/21/69; BSlet to Bureau and NY, dated 8/6/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above at NY.

NY T-1, mentioned in enclosed LHM, is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who has furnished information to SA [REDACTED]

Confidential sources mentioned in enclosed LHM are hereinafter identified:

All were contacted by SA [REDACTED]:

Sources

Date Contacted

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1-New York

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AGENCY *State, CIA, AIG, Yeagley*
REQ. REC'D
DATE FORW. *10-3-69*
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BY [REDACTED]

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LEAD

NEW YORK

[] AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. Will interview []
[] 760 West End Avenue, NYC, UACB.

It is noted that BSairtel to Bureau and NY dated
7/25/69, set forth that []
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
September 26, 1969

Committee For Biafran Artists and Writers;
American Program Bureau;
Chinua Achebe;

[REDACTED]
Cyprian Ekwensi
Registration Act-Biafra

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On September 9, 1969, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is personally acquainted with Chinua Achebe, advised that he was in the United States several months ago on a speaking tour, but has since left and is not known to be planning to return here in the immediate future.

Confidential sources who are familiar with some aspects of African activities in the New York City area, were contacted during August and September 1969, and all advised that they were unable to furnish any information concerning Committee For Biafran Artists and Writers; American Program Bureau; Chinua Achebe; [REDACTED]; Cyprian Ekwensi.

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SAC, New York (105-103376)

Director, FBI (97-5254)

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COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

CYPRIAN EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

ReNYlet 9/26/69.

Do not interview [redacted] at this time. [redacted]
[redacted] has been described as a [redacted]
[redacted] specific Bureau authority must be obtained prior
to the interview. The Bureau has insufficient background on
[redacted] to authorize interview at this time. New York should
promptly develop additional background information and furnish
same to the Bureau along with your request for interview.
Since subject is allegedly a [redacted]
which as you know is in Philadelphia, possibility exists she
maintains residence in Philadelphia and will not be available
to your office for interview. If such is the case, furnish
Philadelphia with appropriate background of this case.

1 - Boston (97-255)

NOTE:

We are conducting Registration Act investigation in
captioned matter at specific request of the Department.
Department requested that we interview responsible officers of
subject committees. [redacted] has been identified as
responsible officer of Committee for Biafran Artists and
Writers. However, since she is also a professor, we are
requesting additional background prior to authorizing an
interview.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

DATE: 10/30/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (97-1951) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE.

[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA
(OO:BS)

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ReBulet to Boston enclosing Departmental letter of 6/26/69, Bulet to WFO dated 8/6/69, and WFOlet dated 8/21/69.

Referenced WFO letter furnished results of investigation concerning CHINUA ACHEBE.

Concerning [REDACTED], the following investigation was conducted:

On 8/18/69, SA [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the records of the Office of Security and Visa Office, U. S. Department of State (USDS), however, no record identifiable with [REDACTED] could be located.

On 8/27/69, IC [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service. (INS) Washington, D. C., however, no record identifiable with [REDACTED] could be located.

Concerning CYPRIAN EKWENSI, on 8/25/69, SA [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the records of the Office of Security and Visa Office, USDS, however, no record identifiable with CYPRIAN EKWENSI could be located.

- 2 - Bureau
2 - Boston (RM)
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A check of the records of INS concerning EKWENSI is still outstanding. This investigation will be expedited and results will be submitted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

DATE: 11/18/69

FROM :

SAC, WFO (97-1951) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

"CHANGED"

① COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS
AND WRITERS;

① AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT-BIAFRA
(OO:BS)

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The title of this case is marked "Changed" in order to reflect the full name of CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI as contained in the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D.C. (WDC).

Re Bureau letter, 8/6/69 enclosing Boston airtel 7/25/69 and WFO letter 10/30/69.

Referenced WFO letter contains completed investigation of captioned subjects, with exception of a check of records of INS for CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI.

The files of INS, WDC, checked on 11/5/69 by SA [redacted] revealed a file in the name of CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI, A 14 010 751, born 9/26/21 in Lagos (Nigeria). The file consisted only of a "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status", dated 2/13/64, for participation in Exchange Visitor Program Number G-1-14, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State (USDS). It was for sixty days' trip to the U.S. under sponsorship of the Foreign Leader Program of the USDS. The form indicated that EKWENSI's stay in the U.S. was extended to 7/25/64 but contained no additional information.

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2-Boston (RM)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

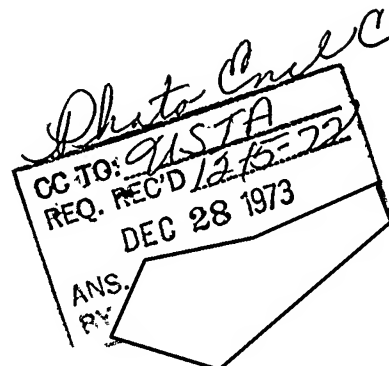
DATE: 1/13/70

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-103376)(RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS
AND WRITERS;

AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

CYPRIAN EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA
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ReNYlet to Bureau, dated 9/26/69; Bulet to NY,
dated 10/6/69; WFO let to Bureau, Boston and NY, dated 10/30/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM
dated and captioned as above at NY.

One copy is designated for WFO for information
purposes since a lead is currently pending there. Two copie
are also being designated for Boston since it is office of
origin in this case.

SA [redacted] conducted the pretext tele-
phone call of 12/18/69. In view of the information furnished
about captioned subject by former [redacted] and in view of
the recent collapse of Biafra, the NYO is making no additional
effort to develop background information concerning [redacted]
[redacted] and is placing this case in a closed status.

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- 1 - Boston (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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NY T-1, mentioned in enclosed LHM, is former [redacted]
who furnished information to SA [redacted] NY T-2 is
[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

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Confidential sources mentioned in enclosed LHM are
hereinafter identified. These sources were all contacted by
SA [redacted]

<u>Source</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>
[redacted]	11/18/69
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	12/2/69
	12/4/69
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	12/15/69
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This enclosed LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~"
inasmuch as it contains data from informant, ~~whose~~ is
furnishing material of value to the Bureau on a con-
tinuing basis, and any disclosure of data might result
in informant's identification with a subsequent adverse
effect upon the internal security of the US.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York
January 13, 1970

Committee For Biafran Artists
and Writers; American Program
Bureau; Chinua Achebe; [redacted]
[redacted]; Cyprian Ekwensi
Registration Act - Biafra

The November 6, 1969 issue of the Manhattan Address Telephone Directory reflects a listing for a business telephone for [redacted]. This same number is also listed to the Committee For Biafran Artists and Writers.

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New York On December 18, 1969, a pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) elicited that telephone number [redacted] is an answering service. The operator of this service advised that [redacted] was travelling and was not expected to return to her residence until January 17, 1970. The operator further stated that in the absence of [redacted] that there was no one handling the affairs of the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers.

On November 18, 1969, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one [redacted] an employee of the Institute For International Education in New York City and who is inclined to be pro "Black Nationalist", had expressed some interest in this committee and in Chinua Achebe. NY T-1 added that since September, 1969, [redacted] has not mentioned this committee or any Biafran artists and writers touring the United States in connection with it, so that NY T-1 concludes that this committee is no longer active in the New York City area.

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Committee For Biafran Artists
and Writers; American Program
Bureau; Chinua Achebe; [redacted]
[redacted] Cyprian Ekwensi

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On December 29, 1969, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] was no longer active in the affairs of this committee and that the committee itself was not a centrally located one. NY T-2 explained that when any Biafran artists and writers visited the United States, an "Ad Hoc" Committee was usually formed at the campus or university where they were to visit and speak. NY T-2 stated that there was no headquarters committee arranging appearances for visiting Biafran artists and writers. NY T-2 states that Chinua Achebe, [redacted] [redacted] and Cyprian Ekwensi are not known to NY T-2 to be presently in the United States, although NY T-2 expects Chinua Achebe to leave Biafra in the near future and re-enter the United States.

Confidential sources who are familiar with certain aspects of African activities in the New York City area, were contacted during November and December, 1969, and all advised that they could furnish no information concerning either [redacted] [redacted] or the Committee For Biafran Artists and Writers.

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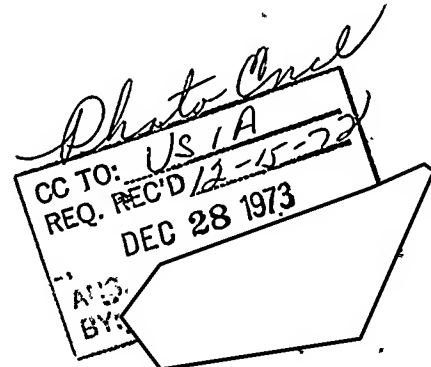
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

DATE: 1/30/70

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (97-255) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS
AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA
(OO: BOSTON)



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Re WFO letters to Bureau dated 8/21/69, 10/20/69, and 11/18/69; Bureau letter to Boston dated 7/15/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York are, respectively, four and two copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum. Copies have been designated for New York inasmuch as the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers maintains its headquarters in New York.

In accordance with Bureau instructions in referenced Bureau letter dated 7/15/69, WFO is requested to prepare a letterhead memorandum incorporating results of its investigation and agency checks concerning CHINUA ACHEBE, [REDACTED], and CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI.

Upon receipt by the Bureau of current letterhead memoranda from WFO and Boston it is suggested that an opinion be solicited from the Internal Security Division of the Department concerning the merits of this case.

2-Bureau (enc. 4) (RM)
2-New York (105-103376) (enc. 2) (RM)
2-WFO (97-1951) (RM)
2-Boston
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

January 30, 1970

***In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.***

COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN
ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
10/27/69	(Unnamed College) Kent, Ohio
10/28/69	University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts
10/29/69	Williams College Williamstown, Massachusetts
10/30/69	University of Vermont Burlington, Vermont
10/31/69	Bowdoin College Brunswick, Maine

In addition, according to [redacted] ACHEBE was a principal speaker at some African Studies convention held at Montreal, P.Q., Canada, during the period October 15-20, 1969. She said the American Program Bureau did not arrange for this engagement and she did not know how it was booked.

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She said that, upon conclusion of this tour, ACHEBE returned to Biafra.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] the representative of the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers with whom the American Program Bureau maintains contact, was scheduled to depart for Biafra on January 2, 1970, and presumably was in that country when its government recently surrendered to Nigeria.

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COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN
ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE:

CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

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The "Boston Evening Globe," a daily newspaper published at Boston, Massachusetts, in its Closing Stocks edition of January 21, 1970, at page twenty, published a story datelined Owerri, Nigeria, by Hugh A. Mulligan of the Associates Press. The story contained a brief statement concerning conditions in Biafra by one CYPRIAN EKWENSI, who was described as an Ibo novelist.

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Memorandum

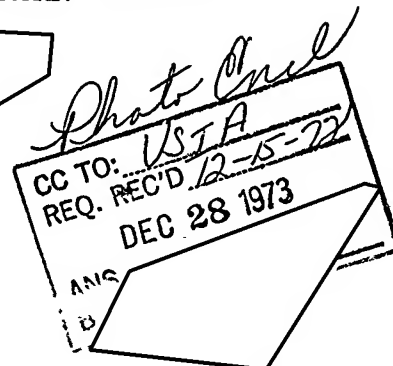
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

FROM : SAC, WFO (97-1951) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS
AND WRITERS; AMERICAN PROGRAM
BUREAU; CHINUA ACHEBE; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CYPRIAN ODIATU
DUAKA EKWENSI
RA - BIAFRA

DATE: 2/12/70

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ReBSlet dated 1/20/70, in captioned case.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Boston, two copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

WFO personnel who made agency checks and file reviews as set forth in LHM, have been identified in previous correspondence in this case and this information is not being repeated here.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535
February 12, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT-BIAFRA

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On November 5, 1969, a representative of the FBI reviewed the file on Cyprian Odiatu Duaka Ekwensi, as maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Washington, D. C. (WDC), and obtained the following information:

The file consists of a "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status", dated February 13, 1964, for participation in Exchange Visitor Program G-1-14, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State (USDS). His birthdate is shown as September 26, 1921, Lagos, Nigeria, and it was indicated he had been authorized a sixty day trip to the United States (US), under the sponsorship of the Foreign Leader Program of the USDS. The form indicated Ekwensi's stay in the US was extended until July 25, 1964, but contained no additional information.

On August 25, 1969, a representative of the FBI was advised by representatives of the Security and Visa Offices, USDS, that their files contain no identifiable information concerning Ekwensi.

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COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

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[REDACTED]
CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT-BIAFRA

On August 18 and August 25, 1969, respectively, representatives of the FBI were advised by representatives of the Security and Visa Offices, USD3 and INS, that their files contain no identifiable information concerning [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On July 29, 1969, a representative of the FBI reviewed the file on Chinua Achebe, at INS and obtained the following information:

Achebe entered the US, at New York, New York (NYC), on April 2, 1969, traveling on a Class B-1 visa, issued to him on April 2, 1969, Montreal, Canada, and Biafran Passport Number 27453. He was admitted until October 1, 1969. He listed his birthdate as November 16, 1930, Ogidi, Biafra; his address as Umuahia, Biafra, and his destination in the US as Hotel Abby-Victor, 7th Avenue and 51st Street, NYC. Achebe departed from the US on May 2, 1969; however, his destination was not indicated.

The file shows that Achebe had previously entered the US, at NYC, on October 28, 1968. He was traveling on a Class B-2 visa, issued October 28, 1968, Toronto, Canada, and the same passport as above. He listed his destination in the US as 575 Madison Avenue, NYC, and his residence address as Ogidi Onitsha, Biafra. There is no information in the file showing his date of departure or destination. He was also previously admitted to the US, at NYC, on April 5, 1963, traveling on a Class J-1 visa, issued at "Lague", date not legible and Nigerian Passport Number 48107. He listed his destination in the US as, care of Mr. R. Myer, Institute of International Education, NYC. He was admitted until July 4, 1963, and departed from the US, for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, date not indicated.

COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
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On August 7, 1969, representatives of the Security and Visa Offices, USDS, advised a representative of the FBI that their files contain no information identifiable with Achebe.

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SAC, Boston (97-255)

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Director, FBI (97-5254)

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COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS
AND WRITERS; AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;
CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT-BIAFRA

Reurlet 1/30/70 with enclosures.

Prior to contacting the Department to determine if any further action is required in this matter, Bureau feels you should recontact appropriate sources to seek information as to possible current activity on the part of above which might assist the Department in reaching a final decision. Submit results in LHM form which will thereafter be forwarded to the Department.

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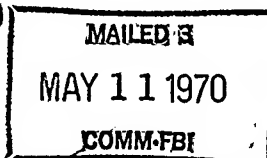
Department by letter 6/26/69 requested we conduct Registration Act investigation on captioned organizations because of their alleged sponsorship of two Biafrans in this country. Investigation by Boston determined a third Biafran also was sponsored by first captioned committee. It is felt above investigation should be done prior to presenting to Department for final decision.

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Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

May 21, 1970

Director, FBI

COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
THE AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

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CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

Reference is made to your letter dated June 26, 1969, entitled "Committee For Biafran Artists and Writers and The American Program Bureau; Chinua Achebe; [redacted] Registration Act - Biafra," wherein you requested certain investigation be conducted regarding this matter.

Further reference is made to previous Bureau communications furnished to you, the most recent of which is a memorandum captioned "Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers; The American Program Bureau; Chinua Achebe; [redacted] Cyprian Odiatu Duaka Ekwensi, Registration Act - Biafra," dated February 12, 1970, at Washington, D. C.

It would be appreciated if you would advise whether the activities of subject organizations require their registration under the provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. In the absence of any further requests from your Division, this Bureau contemplates no further investigation in this matter.

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NOTE:

Department's letter requested we conduct Registration Act investigation on captioned organizations because of their alleged sponsorship of two Biafrans in this country. Our investigation determined a third Biafran also was sponsored by first captioned committee. The three Biafrans have returned

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Internal Security Division

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to their country. Representative for Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers reportedly in Biafra when that country surrendered to Nigeria. American Program Bureau is Massachusetts business corporation operating as a booking agent for speaking engagements for persons of prominence. Results of our previous investigation have been furnished to Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (97-255) (P*)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS
AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;

DATE: 5/12/70

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CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA
(OO: BOSTON)

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Re Boston letter and LHM dated 1/30/70 and WFO
letter and LHM dated 2/12/70.

Review of this file indicates all logical
investigation has been conducted and this case remains
pending awaiting an opinion of the Assistant Attorney
General of the Internal Security Division of the
Department.

Boston is placing this case in pending inactive
status until receipt of Departmental opinion.

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2 - New York (105-103376) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : BUREAU (97-5254)

DATE: 5-28-70

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (97-255)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS
AND WRITERS; AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;
CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT-BIAFRA
(OO: BOSTON)

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Rebulet to Boston dated 5-12-70, 2 xerox
copies of which are enclosed for New York.

Inasmuch as the Committee for Biafran
Artists is based in New York, it is believed that
Bureau's instructions in relet are equally applicable
to New York.

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2-New York (105-103376) (Encs. 2) (RM)
2-Boston

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-5254)

DATE: JUL 30 1970

FROM : *JSF* SAC, NEW YORK (105-103376) (RUC)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE; [REDACTED]
CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
RA-BIAFRA
(OO:BS)

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

ReBulet to Boston, dated 5/12/70, and Boston
letter to Bureau and New York, dated 5/28/70.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an
LHM, dated and captioned as above at NYC. Two copies
have been designated for Boston since it is the office of
origin in this case.

SA [REDACTED] conducted the pretext
telephone call of 7/27/70. Pretext utilized was that
of a Catholic priest seeking speaking engagement for CHINUA
ACHEBE at local Catholic high school.

In view of the information furnished by [REDACTED]
concerning captioned subject, the NYO does not believe that
further investigative effort is warranted at this time.

Confidential sources mentioned in the enclosed
LHM are hereinafter identified; these sources were all
contacted by SA [REDACTED]:

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1 - New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers;
American Program Bureau;
Chinua Achebe; [redacted];
Cyprian Odiatu Duaka Ekwensi
Registration Act-Biafra

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The June 24, 1970 issue of the Manhattan address telephone directory reflects a listing for a business telephone to [redacted] 760 West End Avenue, telephone number AC 2-5495. This directory also lists the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers at 760 West End Avenue, telephone number AC 2-5495. NEW YORK, NY

On July 27, 1970, a pretext telephone call by a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was made to telephone number AC 2-5495. The person answering this call identified herself as [redacted]. She stated that while this committee wished to assist Biafran artists and writers, there was very little that it could do for them at the present time because of the repressive policy of the Nigerian Government toward the Biafran people. [redacted] stated that she has not heard from Chinua Achebe in a few months and that in his last message to her, Achebe stated that he was writing a "dirge" for the Ibo Tribe and people of Biafra.

[redacted] stated that while mail could be sent into Nigeria, for that part of it formerly known as Biafra, no mail escaped the Nigerian censors and nothing reflecting unfavorably upon Nigerian administration in Biafra was permitted by them to leave the country. [redacted] stated that no representatives of world communications media are permitted to tour the former area of Biafra and that those employees of relief agencies operating in the area are watched "like hawks" by representatives of the Nigerian Government.

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ENCLOSURE

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[redacted] stated that contrary to reports appearing in the "New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, there is little effort by the Nigerian Government to attempt a genuine reconciliation with the Ibo people. [redacted] stated that they have insufficient food, money, shelter and medical supplies and that the suffering of the Ibo people is beyond words. [redacted] suggested that contributions to relieve this misery were better sent to religious organizations which are still able to distribute a measure of relief supplies among the Ibo people.

[redacted] concluded by stating that it appears to be the present policy of the Nigerian Government to refuse permission for artists and writers, such as Chinua Achebe, [redacted] and Cyprian Odiatu Duaka Ekwensi, to leave Nigeria lest they comment unfavorably upon conditions among the Ibo people in that portion of Nigeria now known to the world as Biafra.

During June and July, 1970, confidential sources, who have some knowledge of African activities in the New York City area, were contacted and all advised that they were unable to furnish any information concerning the Committee for Biafran Artists and Writers.

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COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
THE AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE;CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

Attached for receiving offices is one copy each of Departmental letter dated 7/24/70 indicating that registration of above-captioned subjects pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act is not warranted.

In view of the foregoing, cases regarding captioned subjects should be closed.

Enclosure

1 - New York (105-103376) (Enclosure)

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NOTE:

Department requested registration act investigations on captioned organizations because of their alleged sponsorship of two Biafrans in this country. Our investigation determined a third Biafran also sponsored by first captioned committee. The three Biafrans have returned to their country. American Program Bureau is Massachusetts business corporation operating as a booking agent for speaking engagements for persons of prominence. Bulet 5/21/70 requested Departmental opinion as to need for subject organizations to register in accordance with provisions of the Foreign Agents Registration Act and noted that in the absence of additional Departmental request, this Bureau contemplates no additional investigation in this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 24, 1970

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN ARTISTS AND WRITERS;
THE AMERICAN PROGRAM BUREAU;
CHINUA ACHEBE.

CYPRIAN ODIATU DUAKA EKWENSI
REGISTRATION ACT - BIAFRA

We are in receipt of your memorandum dated May 21, 1970 regarding the above captioned subjects in which you request to be advised whether the activities of the subjects are such as to require their registration pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

On the basis of the information provided by your Bureau it has been determined that there does not exist the requisite evidence to require registration of the subjects pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Brennan	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
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Mr. Felt	
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